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Subject: RE: Scientific Integrity Committee Meeting Follow-up
Attachments: Allegation Procedures Comparison SciC review May 2018 Oct 2020 BDR.docx

Francesca,

Hi. Thanks for all this work. Regarding the Allegations document, I had a couple of issues that I have highlighted in redline (attached, and summarized below).

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Next Year's Work

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Subject: Scientific Integrity Committee Meeting Follow-up

Hi all -

Thank you for another great meeting. As always, we rely on the Committee's perspective and experience. We're very grateful for the engaging discussions and contributions. Sorry I am so late with this – I had a week of tooth abscesses, root canals and bad reactions to antibiotics!

Below is a summary of follow up items. Please send any feedback by November 16th.

- Procedure for Addressing Scientific Integrity Concerns (attachment) - **please send feedback by Nov 16th**.
 - Please consider the following:
 - 1) Do these updated Procedures captures how we currently handle scientific integrity concerns?
 - 2) Would these Procedures make what we're currently doing more or less difficult? Our goal as outlined in the Sci Policy and the 2008 Executive Memorandum is to provide accountability. *"To have a culture of scientific integrity, there must be policies and training to support that culture, a place to turn for advice to prevent lapses in scientific integrity, and a recourse procedure when lapses are alleged to have occurred."*
 - 3) Specifically we ask that you look at the changes to sections 4.3.2 and 4.4.4 of the attached procedures document.
- Nominations for the 2020 Scientific Integrity Award. Nominations will be due soon – please start thinking about the scientific integrity work your offices or regions are doing and encourage nominations. We ask you to broadly circulate the nomination request. (attachment)
- "Approaches for Expressing and Resolving Differing Scientific Opinions" (DSO) Outreach Materials. The DSO and DSO factsheet can now be found on the Scientific Integrity inter- and intranet. We rely on you to convey the context and importance of this document to your office, program, or region and suggest a note to your unit and a piece in any appropriate newsletters. To aid with DSO outreach to your office or region, attached is a DSO outreach example that announces the release of the DSO and DSO factsheet as new scientific integrity resources for employees. In addition, we are happy to brief leaders or do mini-trainings for groups. Please feel free to include our availability to answer any questions in our Office Hours – Wednesdays from 11:30-1:30 EST at 202-657-8575. (attachments: DSO, DSO factsheet, and outreach example)

- Links to Recent Scientific Integrity Reports: “Model Scientific Integrity Policy for Agencies, Universities, and Other Research Institutions” and “Strengthening Scientific Integrity at Federal Agencies”.
- Upcoming SciC Meetings are scheduled for January 28, 2021, April 29, 2021, June 23, 2021 and October 21, 2021.
- FMFIA Scientific Integrity Report Summary. Although we didn’t have time to do a deep dive into the FMFIA summary, there are important details in the document. If there are items you would like to highlight in the FMFIA summary, **please send any feedback by Nov 12th**. (attachment)
- FY 2021 Scientific Integrity Workplan. **Please send any feedback by Nov 16th**. (attachment)
- We now have dates for the 2021 Annual Meeting – March 24, 2021 and the 2021 Stakeholder Meeting – April 7, 2021.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns. Thanks for your support and dedication to scientific integrity and apologies for being tardy with sending this message.

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